



## TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7 PM

Lafayette County Multi- purpose building, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members –Heimann, Wolfe, Ruesga and Bartels of Lafayette County and Blumer from Green County. Schilling, Torkelson and Winters had excused absences and Butteris from Iowa County was also absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Heimann at 7:00 PM and he asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion carried.

### **Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.**

Tom reported that he is still working to get additional funding for trail rehabilitation from either the DNR, the ORV council, or WI Emergency Management. This past October and March flooding were not declared Federal disasters and are not eligible for FEMA funding. Tom is working to finalize the July 2017 flood FEMA grant request and hopes to hear soon.

### **Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs**

Lee was present to discuss the condition of the Cheese Country Trail and reported that overall it's not too bad of shape. There is definitely a large need for extra material that was lost in the Oct. and March flooding and there are several areas that still need attention. We have exhausted all of the DNR ATV and Snowmobile funds from 2018-2019 grant cycle and have been applying gravel and material to the trail to make it passable. There are a lot of persons using the trail and are amazed that it's even open this early following the March flooding.

### **Legislative update:**

Tom has included a request to Rob McConnell for ORV funding for rehabilitation money. We are just waiting to hear if either of the 3 requests will be awarded.

**Public comment** : None.

**Fencing Request** : None

**Status of Funds** : Tom presented the Status of funds which showed the 2018/2019 expenditures. The ATV/UTV funds show a deficit of \$16,329.22 with \$44,494.62 of flood related repairs. Green County's ATV funds show a deficit of \$359.33, and the Snow funds show a balance of \$6,234.50 before vouchers are approved. The Trust fund balance is \$27,736 and the Trail Pass account is at \$78,069.70. A motion to approve the Status of funds was made by Blumer and seconded by Wolfe. The motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Vouchers presented for payment were: Blackhawk Riders for grooming (\$518) – Ivey Construction for maintenance/ Flood Damage ( \$13,362.45) – Bard Materials for maintenance/Flood damage (\$17,833.82) - Lafayette

County Highway Dept. (\$6,585.54) – Nodolf Lumber maintenance/flood repair (\$107.29) - WISNET.com for website email service (\$55.25). The total of all vouchers was \$38,462.35. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted 6/18/19 TRJ